

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

- a) Species 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 1;
- b) Species 2, illustrated in Fig(s). 2;
- c) Species 3, illustrated in Fig(s). 3;
- d) Species 4, illustrated in Fig(s). 10; and
- e) Species 5, illustrated in Fig(s). 13.

Applicant, although traversing the election, believes that the species are illustrated as follows:

- a) Species 1 (Figs. 1 and 2, spiral, tubular option);
- b) Species 2 (Figs. 3-12, tubular overlapping); and
- c) Species 3 (Figs. 13 and 14, tubular non-overlapping).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects Species 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 1 and 2 with traverse.

Claim(s) 1-5 are directed to the elected species. Applicant believes that claim 1 is generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Sanford Astor (Reg. No. 20748) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an

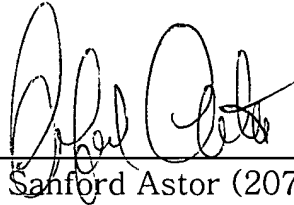
interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sanford Astor", is written over a horizontal line.

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